



News Release

Oregon Liquor Control Commission
9079 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Portland, OR 97222-7355
1-800-452-6522

For more information: Christie Scott, Public Affairs Specialist, (503) 872-5002
James Lynch, Salem Regional Manager (503) 378-3515
www.oregon.gov/olcc

For immediate release: Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Stayton businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Salem, OR – Thirteen out of 19 businesses in Stayton passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales check was performed April 15 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission in conjunction with Hubbard and Stayton Police Departments.

The 68 percent compliance rate was significantly below the 2010 statewide average of 80 percent.

“Prom and graduation are two fun and exciting milestones in a teen’s life,” said James Lynch, Salem Regional Manager. “We want to make sure that teens have happy and memorable celebrations by keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors. We’re really proud of the employees who refused to sell alcohol to minors.”

The commission performs the minor sales checks in an effort to reduce drinking by minors, which is a serious problem throughout the state. The OLCC tests licensed liquor businesses throughout the year. Licensees or their employees could be held liable for alcohol-related damages and injuries if they serve or sell alcohol to a minor.

The OLCC offers a free training course on how to check ID’s. Participants learn how to identify false identification and the laws regarding minors and alcohol. Additional training opportunities are available including classes for store clerks and service permit holders. Interested persons can call the local OLCC office to schedule a training session. (*Samples of OR Driver Licenses for minor and adult* <http://www.flickr.com/photos/oregonliquorcontrolcommission/sets/72157624623539267/>)

During the sales checks, a minor volunteer attempts to purchase alcohol from a licensed business to see if staff are checking ID’s correctly and refusing to sell alcohol to anyone under 21. Commission inspectors or other law enforcement officers supervise the minor volunteers. The volunteers carry their own legal ID that identifies them as under 21 and do not disguise their age or lie to encourage the sale of alcohol.

Under Oregon law, businesses in cities with a population of 20,000 or more have an equal chance of being randomly selected for a minor decoy compliance check. A business can also be selected for a compliance check if there is a documented complaint of sales to minors. Businesses in cities with a population under 20,000 and unincorporated areas in counties are not subject to these selection requirements.

Marion County

19 premises visited: 13 No Sales, 6 Sales – Compliance rate of 68%.

<u>NO SALES:</u>	<u>NO SALES:</u>
Circle K Store #1402 382 E Washington St Stayton	Stayton AM/PM Arco 100 Whitney St Stayton
Fey Asian 210 E Washington St Stayton	Stayton Grocery Outlet 1815 W Ida St Stayton
Ixtapa Restaurant Stayton 111 Locust Stayton	Stayton Liquor Store 2520 Martin Dr Stayton
Red Apple 333 N 2nd Ave Stayton	Stayton Market & Deli 991 N 1st Ave Stayton
Roth IGA Foodliner 1770 Shaff Rd Stayton	Stop N Save #3 235 N First Ave Stayton
Rumours Restaurant & Lounge 282 N 3rd Stayton	Ugo's Pizza Stayton 190 E Ida Stayton
Shell Stayton # 506 1895 Shaff Rd Stayton	
<u>SALES:</u>	<u>SALES:</u>
Bottle Factory 1883 W Ida Stayton	Mick & Mom's Pub & Eatery 255 N 3rd Ave Stayton
Cheers on 1st 245 N 1st Ave Stayton	Safeway Store # 1527 1535 N 1st Ave Stayton
Circle K Store # 1377 1925 W Washington Stayton	Wu's Plaza Restaurant & Lounge 951 N 1st Ave Stayton

##

"Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service"

Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than \$343 million to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)